

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 570
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Barbara Brown of Kingsport for being named one of the top 50 heroes in the nation by the 2003 Volvo for Life Awards.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor and congratulate those citizens who, through their efforts to improve their communities, have received the recognition and accolades they truly deserve; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Brown of Kingsport is one such estimable individual, having recently been named one of the top 50 heroes in the nation by the 2003 Volvo for Life Awards; and

WHEREAS, the Volvo for Life Awards is the largest ever national search and celebration of everyday heroes, supported by Volvo Cars of North America; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Brown won this designation for ensuring that a troublesome 63-year-old water main known as "Old Faithful" was retired nearly two years ahead of schedule; and

WHEREAS, the water main flooded five times in ten years, causing considerable damage to area businesses and residences; and

WHEREAS, on March 17, 2002, the water main flooded yet again, and Barbara Brown decided that it was time for change; and

WHEREAS, during the next several weeks, Barbara Brown and her neighbors circulated petitions, conducted research, took pictures, and organized meetings with local officials; and

WHEREAS, through sheer tenacity, Barbara Brown and her neighbors forced city leaders to reimburse residents for flooding damages and to address other quality-of-life issues, in addition to retiring the water main; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brown's achievements are certainly a source of great pride for her sons, David Brown, who is a professor, and Danny Brown, who is a computer technician, her grandson, Caleb Brown, and her siblings, Mary Macys, Judy Fildes, and Jimmy Maxfield; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Brown has long been recognized as a "natural volunteer organizer who gets neighbors involved through her passion and deep-seated care for each individual"; and

WHEREAS, proactive citizens such as Barbara Brown are making the State of Tennessee and this nation a better place for all citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should pay tribute to Ms. Brown for her diligence and courage in the face of adversity; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Barbara Brown on being named one of the top 50 heroes in the nation by the 2003 Volvo for Life Awards, salute her ongoing commitment to her community, and wish her the best in her every future endeavor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

